

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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We have a lot of discussions with people in our facility about the difference between a large body drape and a full body drape, and we found that large does not mean the same thing as full. Even different manufactures have different sizes for large body drapes.

Because of that I was hoping that the guideline would me more clear about how big the drape actually should be. Should it cover the patient from head to toe (full body), or should be large enough to cover the area where the insertion will be done? In this case, legs, or arms, or head of the patient might be not covered.

Line 402 - "large sterile full body drape" should be used....I don't think that the word 'large' and 'full' should be in the same sentence, because they mean different things.

Line 408/409 - "full body drape (similar to the drapes used in the operating room)"...why not just say that the drape should cover the patient from head to toe...if that is your recommendation. Based on the same studies that you gave as references, the IHI says that "For the patient, maximal barrier precautions means covering the patient from head to toe with a sterile drape with a small opening for the site of insertion".

Thank you for considering my comments,

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